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1. Sovromtractor, located at Stalin (Brasov) is now in the process of reorganization for the production of a new type of Russian tractor known as SR. The tractors are equipped with gasoline motors for starting and running and Diesel motors for heavy work.
2. By the end of the current Five Year Plan Rumania is scheduled to have 20,000 tractors; however, of the present tractor pool, only one-third are in working order, the remainder being worn out and constantly under repair. This situation is the result of the spare parts for the tractors being defective and the unsatisfactory maintenance by the tractor drivers. The mechanics in the village repair shops are qualified only to undertake minor repairs and tractors frequently are taken back to the larger repair shops. A number of tractors were also requisitioned during 1953 by the Army to haul heavy artillery recently obtained from the Soviet Union.

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